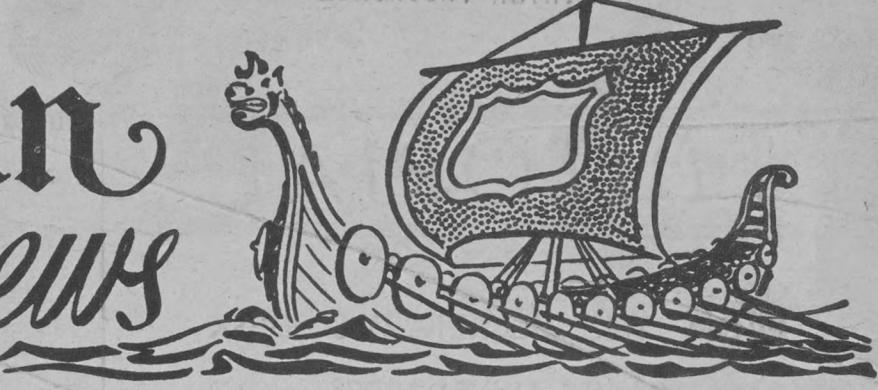


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# Every Shareholder Visitation Week April 4 to the 11

## April 4 - 3:30 p.m. . . . Coffee Party In The Viking Room

The captains and their teams will meet in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre to receive final instructions for SHAREHOLDER VISITATION WEEK. Shareholders are invited to attend the coffee party. The Captains, their teams, and all shareholders who come may complete their questionnaires on the spot. Shareholders who would like to assist any team during visitation week may volunteer.

## April 5 To April 10

Every shareholder in the city, St. Albert and Sherwood Park will be visited and asked to complete the questionnaire

below. Every shareholder is asked to co-operate to the full — by staying home as much as possible during this week. Please STUDY THE QUESTIONS below so that you are ready when a team visitor calls on you. This survey can be of tremendous value to the Centre.

All shareholders living out of Edmonton will be mailed a questionnaire. We urge you to return your completed questionnaires immediately so that they will be included in the tabulation.

### April 11th, 1965 Results Tabulated

All Captains and their

teams will meet at the Centre to tabulate the results of the week's work. The results will be published in the May issue of the Scandinavian Centre News. It is, of course, of utmost importance that all Captains and teams, and out-of-town shareholders get their questionnaires in so that the results will be as reliable as possible.

**N.B. — Opposite "Recreation Wing" mark only one number, the number of your preference.**

**—Opposite "With Gymnasium, with Bowling, with Stage" — merely state "yes" or "no".**

## HERE ARE THE TEAM CAPTAINS:

Alvin Searl	489-4533	Jasper Place
K. L. Svidal	488-6558	Edmonton West
Eric Pierre	455-5708	Edmonton N.W.
Ed Bergquist	477-7660	Edmonton North
Iris Rosen	488-9977	Edmonton Centre
Wegger Myhre	479-1634	Edmon. Norwood
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Sam Johnson	466-5388	Strathcona East
Mrs. Gertrude Holmgren	799-5502	St. Albert
Mrs. Muriel Schmidt	699-7669	Sherwood Park

EVERY SHAREHOLDER IS URGED TO GIVE FULL CO-OPERATION to the Captains and their teams. Below is the questionnaire that you will be asked to complete when the visitor calls:

## ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY ALL MAKES A STRONG CENTRE

The Centre needs your interest and active support. PLEASE CHECK the Committee on which you would like to serve:

The Exhibition Booth  
The Exhibition Float

Cultural Activities:  
Annual Scandinavian Night  
Annual Scandinavian Day  
Other Cultural Activities (name)

The Scandinavian News  
Share-Selling  
Operation of Centre  
Building - Future Development  
Charter Flights  
Fall Social  
Anniversary Celebration  
New Year's Eve Frolic  
Publicity  
Youth and Recreation  
Library  
Language Classes

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

## WHAT ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT . . .

What would you like to see in the future development of the Centre? Mark 1, 2, 3, . . . in order of preference:

A Recreation Wing:  
with gymnasium  
with bowling  
with stage

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Swimming Pool  
Catering Service  
Restaurant  
Lounge  
Sauna Bath  
Curling Rink  
Tennis Courts  
Leif Erickson Park  
Skating Rink

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Other Facilities (name)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What should be our Centennial Project?

1. *park*
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you favor a  
Membership Fee?

If so, how much for the  
facilities in which you  
are interested?

\$ *250.00* per *year*

## AND MONEY?

Financially the Centre needs your help . . .

NOW:

1. To liquidate the net debt of \$30,000.00;
2. To build a fund for future development.

## ANSWER "YES" OR "NO"

Will you buy a share for  
your spouse? ()

Will you buy a share for  
each of your children? ()

Will you buy a share in  
memory of a loved one? ()

Will you buy another share  
for yourself? ()

## WHO COULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR MEMBERSHIP?

Name	Address	Phone
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# ...EDITORIAL...

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

BY MRS. LINNEA LODGE

### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET FEBRUARY 23

We welcome to the Board three new members — S. F. Arnfinson who is with Geophysical Branch of the Mines and Minerals Department; H. Ramsing, an auditor and J. P. Jorgensen, solicitor.

At the organizational meeting the Directors accepted the following responsibilities:

I. E. Johnson	President
K. Holm-Pedersen	Vice-President
	Anniversary Celebration
Mrs. L. Lodge	Secretary
	Charter Flights
Mrs. E. Comin	Correspondent, Membership Secretary
	Treasurer
J. Rama	New Year's Eve Frolic
	Exhibition Booth - Klondike Days
K. Svidal	Annual Meeting
	Exhibition Float
T. Salomaa	Publicity
S. F. Arnfinson	Annual Scandinavian Night
H. Ramsing	Annual Scandinavian Day
S. A. Sorenson	Scandinavian News
H. Markstrom	Operation of Centre
E. Halberg	Share Selling
J. P. Jorgensen	Building
W. Halldorson	Fall Social
G. A. Larson	Cultural Activities
	Youth and Recreation
	Co-ordinator of Ladies Committee

Should anyone be interested in assisting on any committee or working on any of these projects, the Director involved would be most pleased to hear from you.

### SHARE SELLING CAMPAIGN - S. A. SORENSEN

April 5th to 11th, 1965 has been set aside as Every Shareholder Visitation Week. A captain will be located in each of twelve areas — ten in the City of Edmonton, one in Sherwood Park and one in St. Albert. A questionnaire is being prepared with three sections for information and opinions to be provided by each shareholder. The first section asks if there is any particular department or committee you would be interested in assisting. The second section deals with areas of development that the Centre might venture into in the future. You as shareholders must indicate what this should be. The third section requests names of anyone you would wish to recommend for membership in the Centre. We would encourage each shareholder to give some serious thought to these questions so that when you are called on this information can be recorded quickly. The persons who are devoting their time to this project have only one week to complete this work. At the end of the week all this information must be tabulated.

### CHILDREN'S FLIGHT PARTY - MARCH 21, 1965

We are very pleased that Wardair Canada Ltd. chose the Scandinavian Centre as one of the participating groups to take part in the flight over the City of Edmonton. Perhaps, some of the children who had a chance to take part would like to write and tell us about their experience. We hope all those who visited Edmonton Municipal Airport to inspect the Wardair aircraft had an enjoyable day.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET MARCH 9, 1965

The first meeting of the new Board of Directors was held at the Board Room of the Centre on March 9th, 1965 presided over by I. E. Johnson, President.

Arrangements are being made for new light fixtures in the Nordic Room and this will add greatly to the atmosphere of this area. The President will appoint his own Committee to work out a formula so that all groups will be able to rent space in the Salons on an equitable basis.

### SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

Helge Ramsing is checking with all persons involved in anyway with the publication. In order that the paper will be out on time, all material must be in the hands of the Editor, Mrs. Eileen Peterson, no later than the 17th of each month. Mrs. Vera Nielsen must have all advertising by the same date.

### LADIES' COMMITTEE

G. A. Larson has named his Committee — Mrs. K. Amdam, Mrs. D. Cameron, Mrs. G. Eliasson, Mrs. T. Nielsen, Mrs. J. Ogren, Mrs. J. Rama and Mrs. R. Sivertsen. During the coming year this group will be asked for their assistance for many events.

### Gustave Algot Arrived In Alberta From Skilinryd, Sweden In 1902



In the picture from left to right are Mrs. G. Algot, Mr. Algot and a friend Mrs. R. Arntzen taken in the home of Mrs. Arntzen's daughter, Mrs. Dittrich.

Back in 1902 when the West was still on the fringe of being wild and wide-open and lonely, a youth of 17 from Skilinryd, Sweden found himself quite alone in the village of Wetaskiwin. Gustave Algot had come to Alberta like so many others to carve out a life, and like many people living in the Wetaskiwin area; others, could not speak English. There were, however, some Swedish. Gustave had come over on the boat with one. While he was out in the street sizing up this strange place wondering where to go, he was approached by a kindly gentleman who seemed to realize Gustave was a stranger and asked him where he was from. During the conversation the gentleman learned Gustave was the son of a boyhood friend. This led to an invitation to the man's farm where he was given work at \$10.00 a month. **Carpentry His Trade:**

Tragedy struck the farm in the form of a severe hail storm on the 3rd of August; this meant no more work, so, back to Wetaskiwin. He was fortunate in obtaining work as a carpenter and stayed in a hotel for \$12.00 a month, board and room. Carpentry was his trade. He had learned the art of making wagon wheels back in Sweden and while so a pair of shoes a year. Here in Canada he had hoped to do better employed was paid 80 crowns and but he took sick and lay in his room for several days without any one coming to see him. Finally the hotel owner Mrs. Swanson, a widow, realized he was not around and went to his room to see him. She had counted on her hotel staff to keep her informed about her roomers. Mrs. Swanson immediately took a motherly interest in him. She told him he was much too young and small (he weighed only 95 lbs.) to be here alone, and advised him to go to school to learn English. She gave him light work to do around the hotel, such as washing dishes and milking her two cows, and he went to school for two years. Gustave then decided to venture out again on his own. He built himself a house in Red Deer where he lived for two years. He sold this, and in June of 1909 he and a group of friends decided to file on some homesteads North of Vermilion.

**Homestead At Vermilion:**  
They set out from Vermilion with

a team and wagon following an old Indian trail, taking about 2 to 3 days to cover 25 or 30 miles to their homesteads. In those days much of that area was covered with water and brush. Here they also found a settlement of Metis which at that time was called Pigues. Besides the Metis settlement there were two other families. At one end of a long narrow lake which angled across three sections of land, Gustave built his small shack. Near the other end lived his neighbor, Carl Lindblom. In the summer months Gustave rowed up the lake which he called "Angel Lake." During the winter they had a different means of transportation . . . poles were driven through the ice and down into the lake bottom, then slabs were fastened from one set of poles to the next until they had a slab path all the way across the lake. By this means Gustave and his neighbor visited one another.

#### Mail Once A Week:

The next year the first Ukrainian settlers moved into the Angel Lake and Pigues country. They filed on remaining homesteads and bought out the Metis who were making little use of the soil. Most of the Metis left the area, though a few still remained, among them Alf Monkman the son of the Monkman reputed to be Riel's secretary. Monkman was the mail man and though many a time his trip was rough and lonely because of the weather and great distances between people, the mail went through summer and winter. The mail came in once a week at that time, and the Vermilion Standard was the first paper.

Mr. Algot married in 1910 and had built himself a fair sized house; onto this he added another part which he used as a store and post office. He organized a school district in 1911 and built a school. Later he organized two more school districts and he served as secretary of six school districts at one time.

Farming was not mechanized as it is today. Farms were small and what machinery there was had to be shared. Mr. Algot acquired the first threshing machine which was run by twelve horses and he threshed the neighbor's crops. The twelve-horse-power threshing machine used twelve horses hitched in six teams

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to bars radiating from a wheel. The horses would walk around and around and the power thus created would be transferred to the threshing machine. He also made his own blacksmith forge on which he sharpened many a plow share for his neighbors.

#### Railway Changes Country:

The country began to change with the building of the C.P.R. branch line to Edmonton in 1928. A townsite was laid out on the railway some 6-1/2 miles south of Angel Lake, near the place where the Old Pigues settlement had been. Mr. Algot moved his store and post office to the town site. His store did not contain much at that time, mostly tobacco, pipes, oatmeal and prunes. It was not long before his business thrived and was extended to a sash and door factory. The town was named Derwent by the railway company, and Mr. Algot was its Mayor for 15 years. Derwent is now a thriving town with a 10 room school, two halls, four elevators with 250,000 bushel capacity, banks, churches, several modern stores, and a large creamery which turns out more than a quarter of a million pounds of butterfat every year.

#### Retires In 1943:

Mr. Algot also served on the first Vermilion Hospital Board where his son is now serving. The family were all set up in business, one son and three daughters. Then Mr. and Mrs. Algot came to Edmonton to retire in 1943, where his wife died the following year. He remarried the present Mrs. Algot in 1949.

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Mrs. Algut came from Naesø, Namdalens, Norway in March of 1911; she lived with a sister at Ohaton near Camrose for awhile, then came to Edmonton and worked for a cousin who owned a boarding house. Mrs. Algut had also been previously married and homesteaded at Lee Park. She had 10 children, eight are still living. Two sons served in the last war, one in the navy and one in the air-force.

**Memories Of Edmonton**

Recalling memories of Edmonton it was the size of Wetaskiwin until the railway came in; then Edmonton far exceeded Wetaskiwin in growth. There was a little leanto shack for a store near 84th Avenue and the Calgary trail; a bachelor was living near what is now Whyte Avenue and 97th Street who had a cow and chickens; the rest of the land was bush. There was no University, the parliament buildings were under construction, and 97 St had a lot of livery barns. There were a few street cars but people found it just as convenient sometimes to walk. A flood in 1915 destroyed everything that had been built on the river flats. Mr. Algut recalled a trip he made to Edmonton back in 1917, when he and his family decided to see the Fair with some neighbors. They packed a cooked turkey, left Angel Lake by car at six in the morning, arriving in Edmonton between 7 and 8 that night. They went to a theatre where the Trocadero now stands, to see the show "Intolerance" and paid \$2.50 each for tickets - a high price for poor farmers.

**Joined Sons of Norway**

Mr. and Mrs. Algut joined the Sons of Norway Lodge in 1949. Last year he was one of two pioneers who laid the corner stone of the Scandinavian Centre, a memorial to pioneers. Mr. Algut has 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Mrs. Algut has 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren to help keep them young. They will both celebrate birthdays in May, Gustave his 80th the 17th. He spends some of his leisure time carving and has made rolling pins that are used to make lefse and flat bread. At present he is working on a spinning wheel in the old country style.

**Buford Lodge Welcomes Seven New Members**

Members of Buford Lodge No 577 were happy to welcome seven new members at their February meeting. They were also delightfully surprised to see the District Master and three members from Skandia appear as guests for the evening.

The only sad note came when chairman Lefsrud announced that Harry Nacuk's mother had passed away that afternoon. The members wish to send their condolences to Harry, Jurdis, and family.

The major part of the meeting consisted of making plans for the Smorgasbord which is to be held in April.

Calmar Curling Rink, last March 13th was the scene of much activity when curling members from Skandia Lodge, Nordstjarnan and Buford held a one day 'spiel.

The winners for the day were as follows: 1st - Roy Samuelson rink, Skandia; 2nd - R. Hovanka rink, Nordstjarnan; 3rd - B. Holmlund rink, Nordstjarnan; 4th - Glen Eliasson rink, Skandia; Consolation - F. Modin rink, Buford.

The day proved very enjoyable and some members have already suggested this become an annual affair.

**VASA**

Margaret Eliasson attended the meeting of Falun Lodge on March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and son Jimmie left by car on March 20th for Denver, Colorado to attend the wedding of their daughter Geraldine on March 26th. Brian who attends the University of Alberta, flew down on the 26th and returned the following day.

Verna Kvarnberg is another of our members who flew south for a break from the long cold winter. Her destination was the island of Trinidad, where she spent three weeks enjoying the tropical sun and took in the annual festival.

Svea Erickson spent a holiday in Winnipeg where she visited her daughter Lulu, son-in-law Harold Lundgren and granddaughter Lisa.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Correll of Vancouver, B.C. on the loss of Mr. Correll's mother.

Mr. Magnus Pearson went to Vancouver to attend the funeral of his daughter's mother-in-law.

Congratulations to Dorothy and Bud Smith on the birth of a daughter on March 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson attended the February meeting of Buford Lodge in Buford.

Margaret Eliasson spent a holiday in Vancouver recently.

**Card of Thanks**

John Jarrett of St. Joseph's Hospital extends a sincere thanks to all the members of Skandia Lodge who visited him on his birthday recently, also for gifts received. Their kindness helped to make it a memorable day for him.

**Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebrated**

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Engvall celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 7th when open house was held at their home during the afternoon and evening. There was a beautiful wedding cake for the occasion and bouquets of roses and mums graced the rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Engvall extend a sincere "thank you" to their friends of Skandia Lodge for the lovely gift received from them.

**Children's Club Party April 23rd**

Members and their families of Lodge Skandia are reminded that a Children's party in celebration of Mother's Day will be held on Friday April 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. There will be a program and lunch will be served.

**Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Vasa Lodge Skandia held their March meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McMaster. There was a good attendance and many different projects were discussed. In order to finalize the plans for these projects it is most urgent that as many as possible attend the April meeting when "time" for the quilting bee will be set and the organizing of the May 7th Smorgasbord will be completed. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Ingrid Hansen of Calgary for her donation of \$20.00 toward the kitchen shower. The April meeting will be on Wednesday after-

**GLIMPSES**

noon of the 14th of April commencing at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Modin, 12143 - 101 Street.

**FINNISH FOOTNOTES**

Reminder - General meeting April 6, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa.

Speedy recovery to Mr. J. Koivunen and Mr. E. N. Tikkonen.

Many thanks to Mrs. J. Rama, Mrs. T. Salomaa and Mrs. J. Suhuri who poured coffee at the Citizenship Court tea held on March 2nd at which 27 persons received their Canadian papers.

Mr. Leslie Rama and Mr. Rudolph Waine motored to Rich Lake in March to attend an anniversary party held for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waine.

Mrs. M. Haikarainen and son Roy travelled to Eldorado, Saskatchewan to visit Mr. M. Haikarainen who is working there and also old friends.

Thank you to Mrs. P. Utunen who was hostess of the March sewing-circle.

Members of the Finnish Society and friends wish the following people a Happy Birthday this month: Miss Ulla Vesalainen, Mr. Toivo Laurell and Mr. Esko Salovaara.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rama and family of Olds, Alberta attended the wedding of Miss Marlyn Watt and Mr. R. W. Kowalski in Edmonton. Miss Watt is Mrs. Rama's sister. Laureen and Delia were flower girls for their aunt. Mrs. W. Rama sang the wedding prayer at the church and Mr. W. Rama proposed a toast to the bride at the reception.

The annual fishing contest was held again this year at West Cove. Names of the winners will appear in the next issue of the News.

Plans are under way for the annual "VAPPU DANCE" to be held May 15th. Please keep this date in mind. We hope to see a good turnout.

**AN INVITATION . . .**

Elsewhere in this paper, two questionnaires have been inserted for your consideration.

We invite you to participate in one or all of the proposed activities . . . if the response to this query is sufficient - classes will be started soon.

Won't you take time out from your busy day and consider what is being offered . . . or let us know what other activity you'd be interested in having started.

WALTER ARASON, President, Icelandic Society.

Would you be willing to participate in:-  
1. Court Whist from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at \$1.50 per couple per evening and including coffee and pastry. ( )  
If yes: weekly semi-monthly monthly  
I also have friends who would like to participate.

2. Bingo at \$1.00 per card and 25c for each additional card. ( )  
If yes: weekly semi-monthly monthly  
The evening I consider most suitable for the activity I have chosen is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip out the entire questionnaire and mail to:

**MRS. FREDA SMITH,**  
15214 - 81 Avenue,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Would you be interested in:

1. Square dancing at \$1.50 per couple per evening and including coffee and pastry. ( )  
If yes: weekly semi-monthly monthly  
I also have friends who would like to participate.

(If the response is sufficient, two groups, one 30 years and over and one 29 years and under will be organized.)  
State age group: 30 years and over, 29 years and under

2. I'd like to participate in:  
Basket weaving: beginner, advanced  
Ceramics: beginner, advanced  
Leathercraft: beginner, advanced  
Oil Painting: beginner, advanced  
If yes: weekly semi-monthly monthly  
The evening I consider most suitable for the activity I have chosen is Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Depart Montreal 9:45 p.m.

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Arrive Copenhagen 10:45 a.m.  
(following day)

**AFTER APRIL 1st . . .**

**. . . 6 FLIGHTS WEEKLY**

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## Scandinavia's Off-path Spots For 1965: Ebeltoft, Jyvaskyla, Geiranger, Kalmar

With more tourists making their second and third trips to Europe, the demand for off-the-beaten-path pleasure places increases daily, and Scandinavia comes prepared to fill the need with a wide selection. Which are the recommended spots? Scandinavia's travel office directors in the U.S. were asked this question and, forced to limit their choices to one each, they bravely faced possible brickbats from champions of other favorite spots and named these: Ebeltoft, Jyvaskyla, Geiranger and Kalmar.

Ebeltoft, capital of the graceful Mols country on the east coast of Jutland, was cited by Axel Dessau of Denmark as a delightful symbol of fairy tale land. First, it has a humorous folklore all its own and second, although only 29 miles from modern Aarhus, Denmark's second largest city, its little half-timbered buildings and charming setting have preserved a picture-book atmosphere.

Ebeltoft's old Town Hall is said to be the tiniest in the world. The 17th century Dyer's House shows the tools once used in dying hand-woven yarns and everlasting fustian, and the date 1611 is carved on the original gate beam of merchant Sigvard Rasmussen's house. In the church are frescoes from the end of the 15th century. The town, now that it has a new, 106-bed Hotel Hvide Hus (meaning White House), makes a wonderful base for excursions to see prehistoric dolmens, the ruins of Kalo Castle and the unique round church of Thorssager, which dates from about 1200.

Jyvaskyla, cultural center in the heart of central Finland, is regarded by Herman Ramo of Finland as the up-coming tourist spot. Situated at the northern tip of Lake Pajanne, second largest of Finland's 60,000 lakes, it is easily reached by rail, bus or air from Helsinki or Turku, and it is the start or finish, as you prefer, of cruises by the speedy hydrofoil "Tehi" which links Jyvaskyla with Lahti, the sports center, in two and a half hours.

Jyvaskyla is the home of the modern Institute of Pedagogics designed by Alvar Aalto, which attracts 2,000 students for summer courses each year, and the town is the scene of frequent festivals. From the roof cafe atop the water tower on a great ridge which rises from the center of town, one enjoys a magnificent panorama of lakes, forests and hills. There is excellent fishing, camping, bathing and boating here and opportunities for excursions revealing the area's fine folk architecture.

Although Geiranger, recommended by Per Prag of Norway because of its breath-taking beauty, is one of his country's most famous fjord villages, it is off the path of the standard three-day and six-day motorcoach tours. Yet it has long been such an integral part of cruise itineraries that many still list it by its old name of Merok or Marok.

Geiranger is at the head of the narrow Geiranger fjord, which has steep mountains on both sides, and from them cascade such famed waterfalls as the "Seven Sisters" and the "Bridal Veil." High up on the slopes are farms which testify to the life of toil which was demanded by this beautiful but rugged terrain. An impressive hairpin road runs across the mountain ranges, and a special tourist road, from Djupvass, 3,500 feet above the fjord

leads to the top of Mount Dalsnibba, at 4,900 feet, which commands a marvelous view of fjord and mountains. It is at Djupvass that one can ski on the glacier in early summer and then water ski in the fjord below.

Historic Kalmar is of particular interest, says Ake Gille of Sweden, because it was from here, in southeastern Sweden, that the first settlers came in 1938 to found the colony of New Sweden on the Delaware, and it was they who built the first log cabins in America. Their vessel, "Kalmar Nyckel," was named after the beautiful 12th century Kalmar Castle which for centuries was the "lock and key of Sweden," and the town also gave its name to the Kalmar Union which in 1937, united all Scandinavia into one kingdom.

Kalmar is close to the famous glassworks district of Smaland, and one can make excursions to Orrefors and any of 30 glass factories which have contributed to the international fame of Swedish glass. Visits to the nearby isle of Oland, across the narrow strait, will show you windmills, a royal chateau and other historic sights.

### SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

#### Sons of Norway Future Dates

Friday, April 9th — Whist Night.  
Saturday, May 1st — Bowlers  
Banquet and Dance.

Friday, May 14th — Independence Day.

Friday, May 28 — Hawaiian Night and Initiation.

Miss Maxine Peterson is now residing at 11711 - 84 Street, Phone: 477-3713.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Ragna Arntzen who celebrates her 79th birthday on April 13th.

Congratulations to Mr. Sig Sorenson on being made Honorary President of the Scandinavian Centre.

Mr. Ellsworth Halberg, president of Solglyt Lodge was elected in February to serve a two-year term on the Scandinavian Board of Directors.

Mrs. Sig Sorenson's brother Mr. William Johnson from Chauvin was recently confined to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for 10 days where he underwent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Naverseth contributed a beautiful electric clock to the Nordic Room. The Lodge expresses sincere thanks for a most thoughtful gift.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ragna Arntzen on the recent passing of her son-in-law, Mr. Ernest Dittrich.

#### Battle-Tired

Jones: "I see that your daughter is to be married soon. Do you think she is prepared for the battle of life?"

Smith: "She should be. She's been in four engagements already."

### DANIA DOINGS

You have probably noticed that "DANIA" is trying a variety of means to get people out to our doings?

On April 9th a brand new form of party is taking place in the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room. It will be a basket social — Danish fashion — which works as follows:

Each couple pays admission with a parcel to be sold by auction; further in order to have fun and relaxation, everybody brings their own supper — we suggest this to be mainly sandwiches, perhaps a jar of pickled herrings or the like as an appetizer.

The usual Danish refreshments to go with this will be available. The supper will start at 7:30; please be there in time to take part from the beginning. We are sure if everyone will come in good informal spirit, this could be one of the biggest nights yet. There is one problem however, we may have a few bachelors turn up without lady escorts. Perhaps each of you will bring one extra sandwich to take care of our unfortunate friends. See you all on Friday, April 9th.

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"BIKUBEN" will meet on Monday April 12th at the same place, 10029 - 85 Avenue instead of April 19th as it comes in the Easter Week.

### Dania Forms Tape Recorder Club

A few good members met Sunday, March 14th in the afternoon at the Scandinavian Centre. At this meeting it was decided to start a club as we know there are many people interested in tape recording as a hobby. Anyone who would like to know more about the plans of the club and would be interested in participating in sending correspondence to clubs all over Denmark should contact Carl Anderson, phone 489-1157 for further details and date of next meeting.

### 20th Anniversary Of "Freedom Day"

May 5th

May the 5th, 1945 was a very happy day in Denmark and I think that day will not be forgotten for a long, long time. Those happy tidings and breathtaking announcements came on the evening of May the 4th over B.B.C., that Germany had capitulated as a dictator state and the 5 long, dark years of occupation had ended.

Every year since that "Freedom Day" Danes everywhere have been celebrating on May the 5th, and because we can call 1965 our 20th anniversary of liberation, I, and many more who were active during the war and remember these years, feel a strong reason for all Danes, young and old in Edmonton and District to meet on that day in our beautiful Scandinavian Centre Building for a ceremonial "Victory Party" in remembrance of a happy event.

In closing it is hoped that our elected executive will endeavour, as always, to have something special arranged for the occasion.

—A Dane, who remembers 1945.

### OUR WINTER...

By Betty Pearson

This is a dedication in form of a ditty,

To all of the snow shovellers in our city

Who for months have shovelled and heaved

This beautiful white stuff that came down as decreed.

It started real early this year

One of the worst I really do fear

Tuesday the fifteenth of December

Is a day Edmontonians will remember

For a windchill of over 90 below

Is something even old-timers can't show,

And the snow just kept piling high

So you grab your shovel with a sigh.

You shovel and shovel 'till it's clean,

Then on your shovel you sadly lean

As you hear once more a voice forecast

A storm and snow that will really last.

So when spring finally comes, my friends

We'll really enjoy it to no ends,

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## Scandinavia's Children's Camps Solve Knotty Vacation Problems

A vacation abroad for the teenage or pre-teen boy or girl has been moved from the realm of luxury into the area of practicality by the Scandinavians with the creation of a number of summer camps catering to foreign children from age 5 to 18.

Vacationing at a Scandinavian camp can be less expensive than at an American camp, even considering the price of transatlantic transportation, and it is practical because it solves the problem of how to keep the youngsters happy while the parents take their own vacations abroad. Now the children go along, but each generation enjoys its own kind of fun.

Scandinavia has a variety of camps and other facilities for children. The health and safety standards are carefully supervised by the Scandinavian governments, and because English is the language spoken, the youngster finds a friendly environment.

Norway offers the widest selection of camps and includes one run by two American teachers with a staff of American and European counsellors. It is the Viking Camp

for boys and girls of the ages 8 to 18, at Sandefjord, "whaling capital of the world," two and a half hours south of Oslo. Its modern facilities include a gymnasium, Olympic size swimming pool, a flotilla that ranges from large power boats to row boats, and large play areas, and a wooded island in the fjord is used for overnight camping and as the base for various water activities. The eight-week season runs from June 27th to August 15th, and the fee of \$45 a week (the minimum stay is two weeks) covers all expenses, including local tours and excursions, laundry and health insurance.

Tomm Murstad, a famous Norwegian outdoorsman and ski instructor, operates several camps in Norway patronized by Americans. His weekly yachting camp for boys and girls of 10 to 15 at Hoyerholmen, in the Oslo fjord, offers a program planned in collaboration with the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club Junior Section and costs \$28. Another camp, on a farm near Hamar, 85 miles north of Oslo, is for children 5 to 10, and the three-week season costs about \$60.

Denmark's Camp Viking for children 8 to 14 and up also has an American and European staff. It is located at Frederiksvaerk, a 40-minute drive north of Copenhagen, and operates for two three-week periods in July and August at \$170 a period. Viking Manor, its well-equipped and comfortable camp house is surrounded by expensive camp grounds with birch and pine groves, sports fields, swimming pool, tennis courts, play house and hobby and craft shops. Many of its campers are children of Americans stationed in Europe on military or civilian assignments, but quite a number come directly from the U.S.

Sweden has several camps operated by the Society for the Promotion of Skiing and Open-air Life. "Course Westward" for boys and girls 14 to 17 provides 10 days aboard a rescue ship sailing along the west coast of Sweden and includes a voyage on the famed Gota Canal, landings on uninhabited islands, hiking, swimming and marine research. The cost is about \$42. For children interested in horses, the Society has a camp at Arvika, in the romantic province

of Varmland, with a 10-day program operated in co-operation with the Arvika Riding Academy at a cost of \$62. Another 10-day program offers children of 14 to 17 the experience of camp life together with Laplanders at their summer quarters on the lakes in the center of untouched mountain terrain, in the northern part of the province of Jamtland. The cost is \$47.

Youngsters find many things of special interest to them in the Scandinavian capitals, either when making excursions from the camps or when traveling with their parents. In Helsinki, for instance, the Linnanmaki amusement park has Europe's highest roller coaster, and the Olympic Stadium has a continuous round of sports events. Copenhagen has its Tivoli Gardens and Zoo, Oslo has the original Viking ships and the Kon-Tiki balsa raft, and Stockholm its 17th century battleship, the Vasa.

Information about Scandinavian camps is available from the Scandinavian Travel Commission, Box 260, New York, N.Y. 10017, or Box 17473, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

## Norwegians To Celebrate Syttendi Mai In Scandinavian Centre

This year Norway's Independence Day (Syttendi Mai) is of two fold significance to Norwegians in Edmonton.

They will celebrate the occasion for the first time in their home, the Scandinavian Centre, on Friday, May 14th — a home away from home for this national event.

The Day of Independence marks a renewal of memories for Norwegians of the day the Constitution was drawn up. It might be of interest to note that the "Father of Constitution" was a young man, 31 years of age, named Christian Magnus Falsen. He was of noble birth, educated in classical languages, intimate with the history of his time and dedicated to his own country.

The French Revolution, and the newly won Constitution of the United States inspired him to work towards Norway's Independence. The youth in Norway today fittingly carry her banners in parades on this day; they are the ones who must carry on the lights that illuminate the nation, the lights of Freedom, Justice, Liberty and Human Rights.

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 That are travelling every day,  
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 Everywhere that you may wish to wander.  
 Riding down Alberta Trail you'll marvel  
 At God's beautiful creations that you see.  
 Look up at the sky and thank the Lord on high,  
 How beautiful heaven must be.  
 Happily riding down that old Alberta Trail  
 To watch the evening sun go down.  
 It's a little glimpse of heaven  
 And you thank the Lord you're livin'  
 In a land so full of promise and natural splendor.  
 Travelling in the Province of Alberta  
 Where the snow-capped mountains kiss the sky,  
 Where the antelope and elk and deer  
 Will watch and watch in constant fear  
 Of dangers that are lurking by.  
 How I wish that you could see the fields of grain  
 When ripening in this dear sweet land,  
 See the mountains, canyons, lakes, and trees  
 And feel Alberta's gentle breeze  
 Ablowing through your hair when riding on your pony.  
 Watch the cowboys rounding up the cattle  
 And to hear a lonesome coyote call,  
 And to see a harvest moon above  
 Shine brightly on all things you love,  
 You'll never wish for anything more.



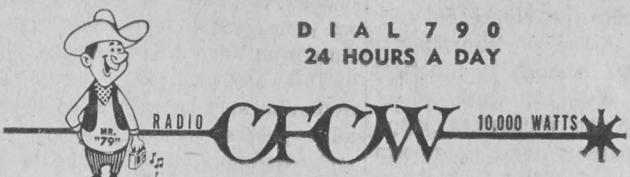
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## ICELANDIC

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henrickson, daughter Mrs. Joan Chmelyk and Miss Thelma Henrickson and granddaughter, Lori Chmelyk, motored to Calgary on February 20th to attend the wedding of a friend. Thelma was a bridesmaid and Lori, age six, was the flower girl.

Mr. Johnny Borgford of Calgary was in Edmonton for Varsity Guest Weekend at the University of Alberta.

A lovely fifty-five cup coffee urn is now the possession of the Icelandic Society due to the many people who so kindly saved Nabob Coupons. Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, lunch convener, would still welcome Nabob coupons as she wants to save for tea towels, etc. for the club. Mrs. Valgardson's address is 6515 - 112A Street.

Mr. Walter Arason, president of the Icelandic Society, presented four scenic pictures to the Scandinavian Centre, courtesy of Canadian National Railways. Thank you to Mr. George Hawthorne of the C.N.R. vice-presidents' office.

Mrs. Viola Wallbank sang on the Scandinavian Hour on radio station C.K.U.A. on Sunday, February 20th. Viola sang two Icelandic selections and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Della Roland. The commentary for the Icelandic portion of the program was ably done by Mr. Bill Halldorson. Two recordings of the Reykjavik Male Chorus were also heard.

Mr. S. Isfeld will be 90 years young on April 25th. He resides with his daughter and son-in-law Emily and Vernon Restrick. Mrs. Restrick is planning a big birthday party for her father to honor the occasion. Our best wishes Mr. Isfeld.

It may seem early in the season to think of picnics but the Icelandic Society picnic will be held this year on Sunday, June 20th at Victoria Park, Area No. 6. Mark this date on your calendar now.

Mr. Bob Halldorson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halldorson, will take Marie Worbeous as his bride on April 17th. The wedding will take place in Edmonton.

Mr. Walter Arason attended a one-day C.N.R. Engineering Department Bonspiel in Winnipeg on March 6th.

Mr. Bill Halldorson advises that his duty as a director of the Scandinavian Centre is to organize teen dances. A Scandinavian Cen're Teen Society has been formed and membership is available from Bill. Watch this paper for advertisements about Saturday afternoon Teen Dances.

**Birthdays**  
Don't grumble at the rainy hours, Because you know these April showers, Bring life to all the summer flowers."

Congratulations and best wishes on your birthday to Mrs. Felix Fredrickson, April 27th; and Mr. S. Isfeld, April 25th.

Dr. George and Irene Drummond son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Henrickson, spent a week skiing at Sunshine Valley at Banff in March. Dr. Drummond

## NOTES

is on the staff at the University Hospital.

Mr. Jake Henrickson, membership convener, would like to remind members who received letters concerning payment of dues, that an early reply would be appreciated. If you enjoy receiving the paper and being informed of social events show it by supporting the club financially.

A joint meeting of the Finnish Society Executive and the Icelandic Society Executive was held in the Board Room at the Scandinavian Centre on February 26th. The meeting was chaired by president of the Icelandic Society Mr. Walter Arason. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a rental guarantee to the Scandinavian Centre and to determine the position of the Finnish Society. It was stated by Tony Salomaa that the Finnish Society have already made a rental offer to the Board of Directors. It was unanimously decided that an anticipated rental from the small Icelandic - Finnish room in the basement was not satisfactory as it was suitable only for limited functions.

Although no definite conclusion was reached in regard to rental it was considered an excellent start. After the meeting Mr. Arason showed an interesting Canadian National Railway film "1964 In Review." Coffee and dainties were served by Mrs. Pearl Valgardson and Mrs. Beulah Arason.

John Jarrett of St. Joseph's Hospital presented the lodge with a beautiful plaque which he had made from colored stones on wood in the intricate form of the Vasa crest.

A hearty thanks was tendered to John for his gift which will grace the walls of the Nordic Room.

After the meeting a tasty lunch was served by the following ladies: Ellen Westling, Matt Eliasson, Helen Anderson, Dianne Bergquist and Pat Johnson. Dancing followed to the lively music of the Checkmates.

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**Good Attendance  
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There was a good attendance of members at the March 6th meeting of Lodge Skandia No. 549 held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

The sick committee report showed that Roger Sund was still in hospital and making progress, Gus Lundgren improved, John Ogren home, but on crutches and John Anderson home but taking treatment; Ralph Granath is back to work and Hank Wyberg recovered. Also Sonja Sund and Anna Johnson were reported in hospital.

A date for Childrens' Week was set for July 4th to 11th. Betty Pearson and Evelyn Johnson agreed to act as leaders and Raul Nyroos to assist in outdoor activities.

Alma Samuelson and Glen Eliasson agreed to represent the lodge at United Nations annual meetings in May.

Attention was called to the new altar, a gift of the Past President's Club. The work was done by Ed Bergquist.

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The children are anxious to show parents (and grandparents) what they have learned and the club hopes to interest more people in participating in the future. The display will be on April 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Oliver School.

The program will begin with the two girls teams showing Jazz Ballet. Following them will be two boys' teams with calisthenics and tumbling. Last on the program will be a ladies' team showing rhythmic gymnastics. The evening will be

concluded with coffee and cakes.

Tickets at 50c each are now available from the instructors, or by phoning 434-5808.

To finally close off a successful season, the Club will have a dance at the Scandinavian Centre in the Dania Room on Friday, April 23rd, at 8:00 p.m. for members and their friends. The admission is 50c and refreshments and lunch will be available. We urge everyone who has enjoyed the gymnastics to come and bring your friends!

## Sons of Norway To Hold Bowling Banquet

The Sons of Norway Bowlers are holding their annual Banquet and Dance on Saturday, May 1st, at the Scandinavian Centre. Past bowlers and friends are welcome to attend. Admission will be \$2.50 per person.

## Vasa Curlers Attend Buford 'Spiel

Four rinks from the Vasa Skandia Club went to Calmar on Saturday, March 13th to take part in a bonspiel sponsored by the Buford Lodge Club when four rinks from Falun Lodge and eight from Buford also took part. The Roy Samuelson rink from Edmonton took first place and the Havanka rink from Falun second. There was a three-way tie for third between the Denholm rink of Falun and Glen Eliasson and Ed Bergquist rinks of Edmonton. A very enjoyable time was reported. A delicious stew dinner was served which was topped with pie and coffee. The consolation prize went to the Floyd Modin rink of Buford Lodge.

## Vasa Curling and Bowling Banquet and Dance

On Friday, May 7th at 7 p.m. a banquet and dance will be held in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre, sponsored by the Curling and Bowling clubs of Lodge Skandia. Tickets will be available to members and friends by contacting either Elsie Comin, Phone: 433-5659 or Don Johnson, 433-6150.

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## FINNISH SOCIETY PRESENTS...

## "SEITSEMAN VELJESTA" and DANCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 8:00 P.M.  
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## DANIA BASKET SOCIAL - DANISH FASHION

(read about it under DANIA column)

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## SONS OF NORWAY LODGE

## MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, April 9th, 1965

7:30 p.m. sharp

Followed by a...

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## DANIA

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Tuesday, April 20th, 1965

MEMBERS CLUB SOCIAL — DANIA ROOM

Sunday, May 16th, 1965

OPEN HOUSE COFFEE PARTY — Sponsored by "BIKUBEN"

From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Dania Room

## SONS OF NORWAY LODGE INDEPENDENT DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, May 14th, 1965

Social Hour: 6 to 7 p.m.

Banquet: 7 to 9 p.m.

FOLLOWED BY DANCE

Admission: \$3.00 per person

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